

655—2.6(152) Organization and administration of the program.**2.6(1)** The program shall meet the following criteria:

a. Authorization. Authorization for conducting a program is granted in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 261B. Such authorization is provided by the Iowa secretary of state.

b. Authority and administrative responsibility. The authority and administrative responsibility of the program shall be vested in the head of the program, who is responsible to the controlling institution.

c. Organizational chart. The organizational chart(s) shall clearly indicate the lines of authority and communication within the program and with the central administration, other units within the controlling institution, cooperating agencies, and advisory committees.

d. Finances.

(1) The controlling institution shall allocate adequate funds to carry out the purposes of the program.

(2) The head of the program shall prepare the budget with the assistance of the faculty.

e. Ethical practices. Ethical practices and standards, including those for recruitment and advertising, shall be consistent with those of the controlling institution and shall be made available to students and prospective students.

f. Contractual agreements. Written contractual agreements shall exist between the program and the clinical facilities. The agreements shall include:

(1) Identification of responsibilities of both parties related to patient or client services.

(2) Faculty control, selection and guidance of student learning experiences.

(3) Provision for termination of the agreement.

(4) Provision for annual review.

(5) Documentation that the facility is in good standing with its regulatory agency.

g. Accrediting and approving agencies.

(1) The controlling institution or program shall be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

(2) When the program is located at a community college, the controlling institution shall be approved by the Iowa department of education.

(3) When the program is offered under the auspices of the United States armed forces, it shall be accredited by the U.S. Department of the Army.

h. Philosophy/mission and program outcomes. The faculty shall develop a philosophy or mission statement and program outcomes that shall be:

(1) Consistent with the philosophy or mission of the controlling institution.

(2) Reflective of faculty beliefs about nursing, education and professional standards.

(3) A guide in the development, implementation and evaluation of the program.

(4) Available to students and prospective students.

i. Program evaluation. A written plan shall outline the evaluation process for all aspects of the program and shall identify the methodology, tools, responsible parties and time frame. Evidence of implementation shall reflect achievement of program outcomes.

2.6(2) The head of a program shall meet the following requirements:

a. Current licensure as a registered nurse in Iowa. An individual is currently licensed when licensed in another state and recognized for licensure in this state pursuant to the nurse licensure compact contained in Iowa Code chapter 152E.

b. Two years of experience in clinical nursing.

c. Two years of experience in nursing education.

d. Academic qualifications:

(1) The head of a program who was employed on or before July 1, 1992, shall be considered adequately prepared as long as that person remains in that position.

(2) The head of a program hired after July 1, 1992, shall have a master's or doctoral degree with a major in nursing at either level at the time of hire. A first professional degree as defined in rule 2.1(152) does not meet this requirement. The date of hire is the first day of employment as head of the program with compensation at a particular nursing education program.

(3) If a program offers a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing, the head of the program shall have a doctoral degree at the time of hire.

e. Submission of qualifications to the board office within one month of appointment.

2.6(3) A nursing education program shall have one head of the program.